

REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATIONS

ENGINEERING CONSULTING SERVICES FOR TRAVER FORCE MAIN SEWER AND LIFT STATION AND WASTEWATER TREATMENT FACILITY IMPROVEMENTS

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RFQ CONFERENCE SEPTEMBER 3, 2015 AT 4:00 PM**

ISSUED BY:

Tulare County Resource Management Agency
5961 S. Mooney Blvd. Visalia, CA 93277-93274

This Request for Qualifications (RFQ) and relevant documents are available at the County of Tulare website at: <http://www.tularecounty.ca.gov/rma/index.cfm/public-works/public-works-projects/request-for-proposals-for-engineering-services/>

The County of Tulare (County) is the lead agency on a project for the design and construction of a new force main sanitary sewer and lift station to convey wastewater from Traver, an unincorporated community in northwest Tulare County, to the nearby County-owned wastewater treatment facility ("WWTF"). The County is seeking statements of qualifications (SOQs) from professional engineering consultants to complete the design of the force main sewer and lift station, design improvements to the WWTF, and provide construction engineering support for this project.

Funding for this project is provided by a Community Development Block Grant ("CDBG") from the California Department of Housing and Community Development with additional funds provided by the County general fund. As this project is federally funded through the CDBG, all work must comply with federal, state, and local requirements. A copy of the grant agreement is available on the County's website for this RFQ, provided above.

Where funds allocated to this project are not made available, withheld, or reduced by any federal, state, regional or local government entity, the County of Tulare is under no obligation to fund this project, including, but not limited to, any agreement that may be negotiated for consulting services which is the subject of this Request for Qualifications.

The County intends to select a consultant to provide these services based upon the information contained in the SOQs submitted by consultants in response to this RFQ. The prospective consultants' proposals will be evaluated and ranked according to the criteria provided in this RFQ. The County expects to make a selection of the top ranked consultant based upon the information contained in the proposals and reference checks which shall be made within three weeks of the submittal date. The County also may conduct interviews of the top three candidates ranked by their initial proposals but reserves the right to select a consultant based entirely on the SOQs. All consultants that submit a response to the RFQ will be informed of the rankings of consultants.

A formal Notice to Proceed will occur immediately following the County Board of Supervisors' decision and award of the contract to the selected consultant.

A conference regarding this RFQ will be held in the Main Conference Room for the RMA at Tulare County Government Plaza, 5961 S. Mooney Blvd., Visalia, CA 93277 on Thursday, September 3, 2015 at 4:00 PM. This conference is non-mandatory but attendance is strongly encouraged.

For more information please contact Ross W. Miller, P.E., Engineer III at 559-624-7070.